

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the care that the Examiner continues to give to this application and in the spirit of attempting to alleviate the Examiner's concerns, Applicant has canceled all of the claims, except for claims 47, 48 and 57 and has added claims 72-80.

In the Advisory action mailed December 27, 2005, the Examiner did not address claim 47 which had been amended only to address an obvious error as pointed out by the Examiner. As discussed in Applicant's prior response, claim 47 specifically recites that it is the **end time** that is adjusted to accommodate changes in program length. Marsh discusses changes in program start and stop times, but nowhere does Marsh even hint at length changes being accommodated. Marsh is concerned with program delays and program cancellations. Interactive Program Guides (IPGs) are used for control purposes. Each IPG has a start time and a stop time associated therewith. These start and stop time pairs are continuously downloaded and compared to existing IPGs. When a mismatch occurs the new pair replaces the old pair. Such a system will not work when the start time has not been changed but the program runs overtime. Marsh does not discuss this situation and the operation of Marsh does not provide a structure for changing only the ending time of a program. Accordingly, claim 47 should have been entered and held allowable.

The Examiner also did not address claim 48 that was amended to recite that the change in program length occurs **after the start time** of the program. This would occur, for example, if a football game goes into overtime. See for example, Applicant's specification at paragraphs 0061 and 0062. Marsh does not in any manner discuss or even hint as such recorder adjustments during the actual recording time of a program. Accordingly, claim 48, as amended, should have been entered and held allowable.

Claims 47, 48 and 57 have again been presented in this response for consideration by the Examiner.

Claims 72 through 80 have been added, all of which are directed to aspects of adjustment of stop times for programs.

Applicant believes no additional fee is due with this response, other than the fees addressed in the accompanying fee transmittal. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 05708/P005D1/08008819 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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